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 Socket couplings for disposable pouches for internal transfusion - the used socket couplings being discarded with pouches to suppress contamination

C83-033815 A connector tube for a (disposable) pouch of liquid for internal medical use is fitted with a female coupling adaptor protected by a temporary sterile cap prior to use. The tube fitted to the patient, for e.g. peritoneal dialysis, therefore carries the complementary male or spigot coupling.

The coupling on the patient's tube, which normally must be re-used perhaps several times per day, is therefore the easier for the occupier to keep clean and to re-sterilise. The more difficult female coupling(s) are discarded after use together with the (disposable) pouch. The coupling on the patient's tube may carry a protective cover. (4pp515).

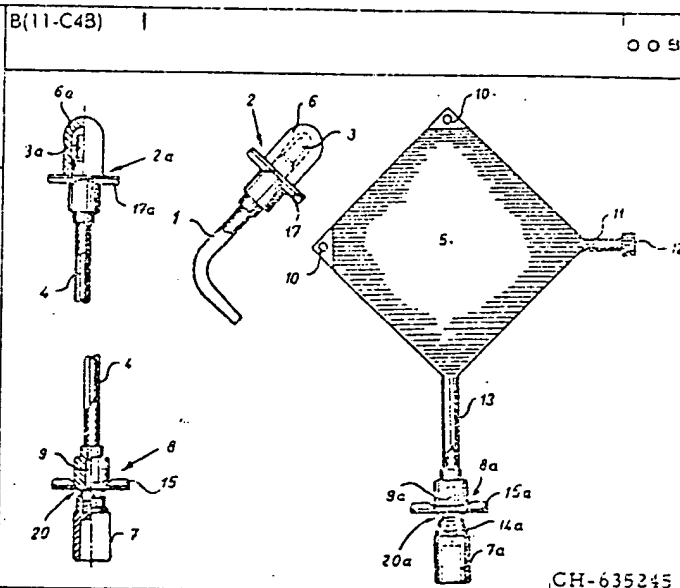
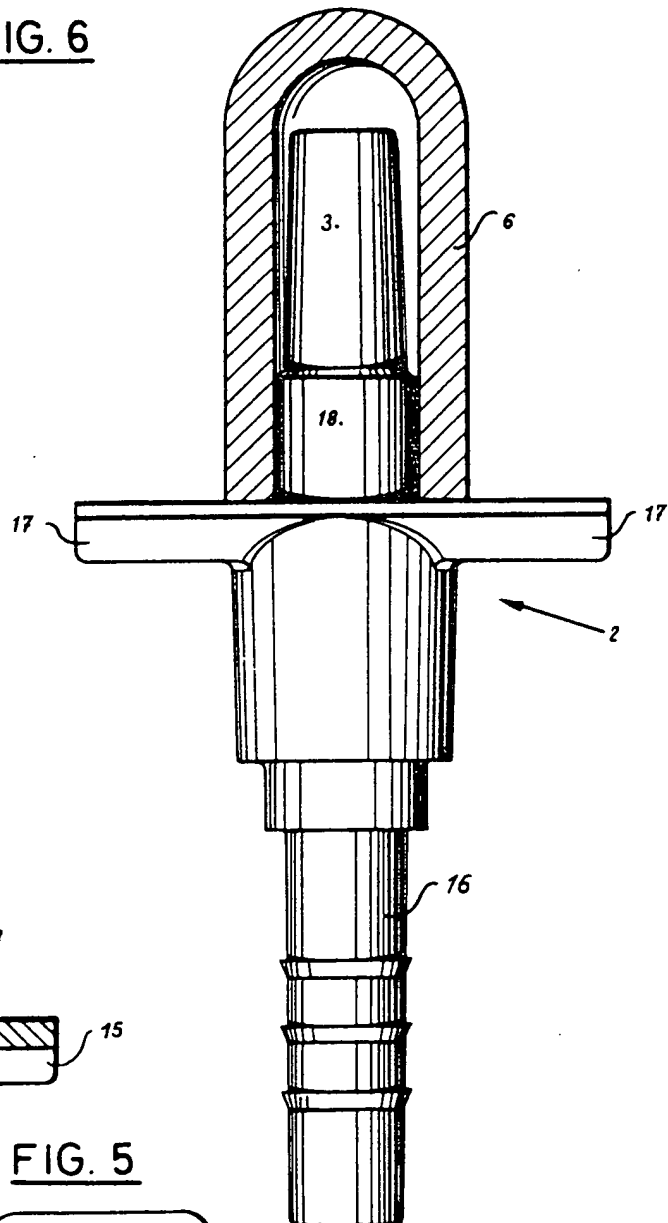
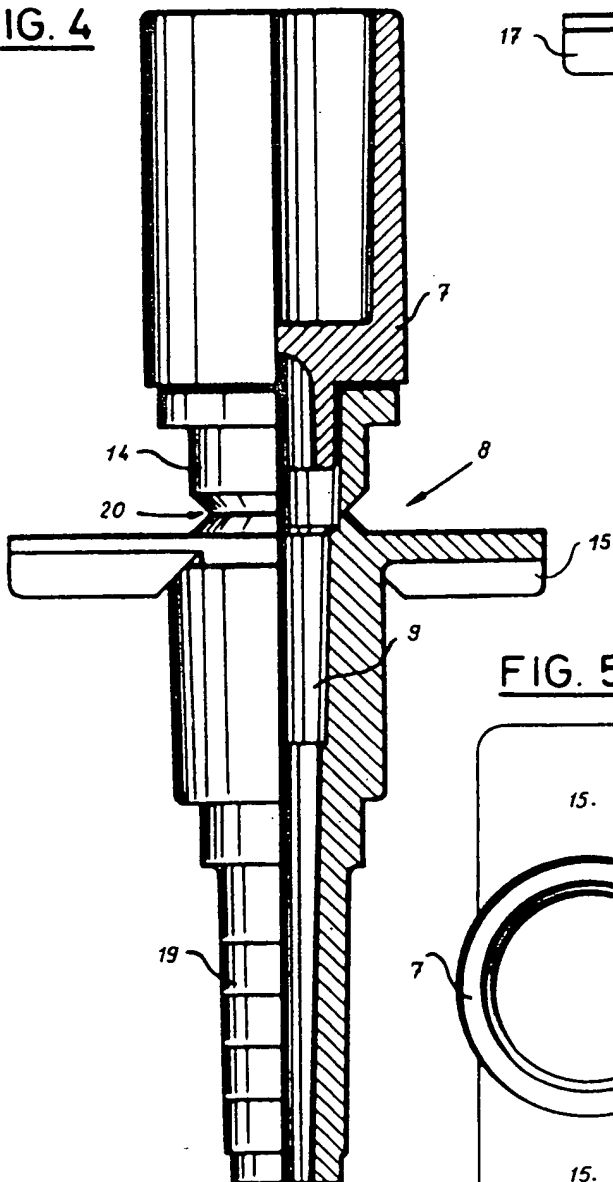


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